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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

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1. WE AND YOU SHARE EQUAL CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF NARCOTICS PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION FROM BEYOND GOLDEN TRIANGLE TO SUMATRA AS POSSIBLY PRESAGED REFTELS. SUCH A SHIFT HAS LONG BEEN CONSIDERED A POSSIBILITY, BUT THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE EVIDENCE THAT IT WAS IN FACT OCCURRING. THE REPORT CONTAINED REFTEL B IS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE FIRST CONCRETE INDICATION. WE WOULD THUS APPRECIATE EMB ASSESSMENT AS TO ITS ACCURACY AND EXTENT TO WHICH SUCH A SHIFT MAY ACTUALLY BE OCCURRING.

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2. WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO NARCOTICS FUNDING, YOU WILL BE RECEIVING SEPTTEL A REPLY NOTING A DEPT. WILLINGNESS TO RECONSIDER PENDING EMB. CLARIFICATIONS. IT APPEARS AT FIRST GLANCE THAT PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED FY 77 FUNDING PROPOSALS MAY NOT ACTUALLY FIT THE DEVELOPING PRIORITIES YOU MAY FACE.

3. IF, IN FACT, INDONESIA FACES THE PROSPECT OF BECOMING AT LEAST A SUPPLEMENTARY NARCOTICS PROCESSING CENTER, THERE WOULD NATURALLY BE IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR BILATERAL POLITICAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS ANTI-NARCOTICS GOALS. SHOULD THE GOI REACT AGGRESSIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY (SUCH AS IS OCCURRING IN THAILAND), OUR RELATIONS WOULD BE STRENGTHENED THROUGH POSITIVE ATTENTION AT THE HIGHEST USG LEVELS. SHOULD THE OPPOSITE TREND DEVELOP, NARCOTICS COULD JOIN HUMAN RIGHTS AND EAST TIMOR AS ELEMENTS OF POTENTIAL DISRUPTION. WE ALSO NOTE THE POSSIBLE IMPACT ON OUR FMS SALES CREDITS PARTICULARLY FOR EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING RELATED TO SEA PATROL AND SURVEILLANCE.

4. WE ASSUME EMB AWARE THAT NEW MEDAN PRINCIPAL OFFICER, HARRIET ISOM, IS FORMER EA NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND THEREFORE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF BOTH FIELD AND WASHINGTON PREVIOUS ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS. THE EA REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN THE REGION SOMETIME IN JANUARY 1978. EMB MIGHT WISH CONSIDER HER ATTENDANCE AND THUS BRING HER EXPERTISE UP TO DATE. VANCE

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